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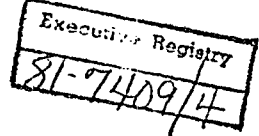
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15 August 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
FROM: Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Awards

1. I am holding up on further award recommendations until you get the advice of the Executive Committee on the whole question of achievement awards.

2. More and more it looks to me as though these awards are being diluted, which if continued would bring them too close to a retirement pin. I think we should have an award for a meritorious career, but I think that should be quite different from the award which recognizes a particular achievement, i.e., McMahon, if he completes the reorganization of NFAC in good style; someone who developed the Afghanistan operation; someone whose efforts a year or so from now established intelligence capabilities in Central America which significantly helped deal with that problem; the young communicator who performed so well in [redacted] etc.

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